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March 29 **Cowboy Ball**

April 14 Alumni/ **Father Golf** Tournament. Athens **Country Club**

April 23 **Old South**

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Alumni Profile



The Bulldog Spirit Still Alive

Bulldogs football, road trips to Washington, D.C., and hanging out with friends are some of the favorite Kappa Alpha memories of Brad Thomas '86. He still spends time with KA friends in the Atlanta area. Here's a brief Q&A interview with Brad, which is part of an ongoing series designed to help us get to know our brothers better. If you would like to recommend a brother for a future profile, please send his name and initiation year, along with your name and year, to our alumni relations service at news@2stayconnected.com. Make sure to mention that it's for Kappa Alpha at the University of Georgia.

Why did you join?

I joined KA because the guys I met seemed like very solid guys. It really did not seem to matter whether you were from a white-collar background or a blue-collar background. The only thing that seemed to matter was you as a person. The fact that it was rooted in the South appealed to me as well.

Tell us about your favorite memory of the fraternity.

My favorite memory has to be football Saturdays in Athens. I would look forward to it the entire week, and game day never disappointed me. Even when we lost, which was rare, the game day atmosphere at the KA mansion was great. We would always have fried chicken before the game, and several alumni and family members would come to the house to visit, and everyone would be getting fired up about the Dawgs. After the game, we usually had a party outside the house.

Did you live in the house? If so, who were your roommates? Tell us about a memorable time with them.

I lived in the house for two years with **David Scott** '86, the biggest sports nut I know. If we ever lost a football game, David would go into a deep depression. In fact, he would take losses so hard





that everything I just said about game day Saturdays did not apply to David. He and I are still close friends. The best thing about living in the house was getting to know everybody really well.

With whom do you still stay in contact?

We have a big group in Atlanta and try to get together once a month. David Scott '86 helps keep us all in touch. The group includes Jay and David, and Henry Bishop '85, Whit Byram '85, Alex Cann '85, Billy Chipman '86, Jon Christensen '87, Mark Cross '82, Chip Hackett '85, Glenn Kolker '89, Jon LeDoyen '88, Matt Moffett '84, Hamp Roane '85, Matt Roane '84, Marcus Simmons '87, Steve Thornton '85, Chuck Waters '84, John Yates, Todd Yates '85 and a bunch of other guys.

What kind of influence has the fraternity had on your life since graduation?

Countless influences. First, I met my wife through the KA connection. I went to a fraternity brother's wedding where I met Christine, a Kappa Alpha Theta sorority sister and friend of the bride. The fraternity is also an influence on business. When I graduated from law school, having KA on my resume opened several doors for me. It continues to play a role in business today. One of my current law partners, Steve Thornton '85, is a fraternity brother. And finally, the fraternity has given me many lifelong friends.

Tell us about your family: Have you married? Do you have children?

I am married to Christine Dieterle Thomas. We have two children: Anna (3) and Brett (2).

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Alumni Support Our Foundation

The brothers listed below value the relationships they developed through Kappa Alpha Order and want to keep track of old friends and our chapter's progress. They care about the place they called home at the University of Georgia and where they will always be welcome visitors. They have a stake in the ongoing process of creating the next generation of young leaders, and by writing a check to our 2002-03 annual fund, they have shown that they believe these things are important. Their contributions also fund alumni communications, including this newsletter, our Web site, reunions, house events and maintaining contact information for nearly 1,600 living Gamma Chapter alumni.

To date, 76 brothers have made gifts totaling nearly \$6,000. However, we still hope to hear from many more this academic year. We reach out to those who have not been involved and invite them to participate.

A strong organization is the foundation for a healthy undergraduate chapter — a place where leadership develops and lifelong bonds are forged. Our donors are grateful for what the fraternity did for them and wish to pass along to current and future undergraduates the experiences and benefits of Kappa Alpha Order at the University of Georgia. *Donors to Date 9/1/02 to 3/3/03:*

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This Old House Needs Repairs

By Roby Redwine '82, Alumni Treasurer

The house corporation has had a fairly busy fall/winter season. With the continued aging of our structural facility comes the constant need for repairs; most notably this winter were plumbing as well as roofing issues. Due to our flat roof, the wear and tear on our structure goes on. We have applied roof membrane to try to stem the tide of several leaks in the upper floors of the house. Obviously it is imperative to keep our occupants "in the dry" while we wait for the university to play their hand on the ultimate fate of 294 S. Lumpkin. We are also replacing the front door to the house. Sinking problems in the kitchen were also addressed over the last few months. As can be readily surmised, our facility is aging very much.

In good news, we should have a full house next fall, I am happy to report. I am very comfortable that the brothers who choose to live in the house will have a rewarding experience next year. I think you will agree that when the brothers live together it tends to develop the fraternal aspects of the order. I think that is most important. To prepare for this "full house," we will be making needed repairs to the third floor of the structure over the summer to make it habitable. It is vital to the house corporation to continue trying to make the needed repairs as we go along to ensure comfort for those choosing to live in the facility while we are waiting on the next step.

A Great Spring Semester Underway

By Fiske Hopkins '01, Number I

We have had a great start this spring semester in Athens.
We began with our Convivium celebration in Savannah, Ga., at the old Savannah train station.
We would like to thank Mr. Alan Vance for the Robert E. Lee toast. The chapter was also fortunate enough to have a very special guest this year: Our Knight Commander Mr. David Warren made an appearance at the party.

Everyone at the house is very excited about spring. Several events are planned. We will have our annual Cowboy Ball on Saturday, March 29, and, of course, our favorite event, Old South, on April 23. We will halt the traffic of Athens and parade down Milledge Avenue in full Confederate uniform on horseback. After the parade, we will take a trip to Destin, Fla., to see our dates wearing the only thing better than a Southern-belle dress — their bathing suits.

Before we take off to the beach, however, the chapter will be hosting the first annual Kappa Alpha Order Alumni/Father Golf Tournament. The tournament will take place at the Athens Country Club on April 14, the Monday after Masters. We hope to have as much alumni participation as possible. Proceeds will go toward the MDA and KA Housing Foundation. Everyone seems to be really excited, and we expect a great turnout.

We never stop being KAs, so the undergraduate chapter would like to provide the opportunity for everyone to get back together for good times and good spirits. Please mark your calendars, and be on the lookout for future information regarding the tournament.

Please call our rush chair, Chris Adams '00, at 706-833-8164, or me at 706-296-7380 with any recommendations or concerns about the 2003 recruitment. You can also e-mail me at fiskehopkins@hotmail.com.

Thank you very much for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at the golf tournament.



Charles J. Thurmond '30

(Thurmond Properties, P.O. Box CC, Gainesville, GA 30503) At 92, I have had to slow up a little bit, but I am still boasting KA.

Lewis M. Killian '37

(10100 Hillview Rd., Apt. 1108, Pensacola, FL 32514-5605; killiansr@earthlink.net) When I was an active, KA "Saint" was the most important man in the old house on Hancock. He was the man all the alumni came to see. There are many brothers I would like to see but most have passed away. The four Newtons — John '34, Floyd '36, Lee '38 and Walker '36 — Larry Donovan '39, Jimmy Polhill '39, Charlie Heflin '35, Bob Holman '37, George Spence '35, Bobby Wilson '38, Julian Hollisburton, E. Cocke '39 and many more. The only one I ever see is George Dance '36, who preceded me as No. 6.

H. Doc Ayers '42

(1430 Cave Spring Rd., Cedartown, GA 30125-1430) I enjoyed the good food at the KA house. I had the pleasure of coaching football for 35 years — 20 of these were at the University of Georgia.

N. Pratt Secrest '42

(111 Ivanhoe Dr., Thomasville, GA 31792-8718; pratt@rose.net)
Member of Rotary International
(district governor, international
director). Three children, nine
grandchildren, one great-grandchild.
Founder/owner Thomasville Realty;
previous owned Secrest Pulpwood
& Timber.

Vance S. Pitzer '47

(1201 Corn Tassel Trail, Martinsville, VA 24112-5525) It was with great interest that I read the newsletter with the notice by Hal Morris Jr '50. It brought back fond memories and happy, carefree times. Hal mentioned the pianist that entertained almost nightly in the "Shack." The piano player was Neale J. Huff '47. Sadly, Neale passed away on October 28, 2002, in Roanoke, Va., of leukemia. I saw Neale four days before his death, and he asked to play the piano at the hospital. One of

the songs he played was "On the trail of the lonesome pine" (it may have been called "In the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia"). For all of us old-timers, we will remember this was one of the songs played most nights in the Shack. Neale and I would talk many times about the wonderful brothers we knew at Gamma Chapter, and would tell and retell old stories about fraternity life. Young brothers of Gamma: Friendship is a precious commodity. Don't take it lightly.

George W. Dismukes '51

(2907 Erna Dr., Columbus, GA 31906-1302) After reviewing Hal "Sneed" Morris's ('50) recapitulation of long-ago events at Gamma Chapter, memories of longtime Gamma employee Mancil "Doc" **Davenport** come to mind. Doc was a faithful paid staff member who mastered a myriad of jobs around the house. Brothers would permit Doc to sample alcoholic beverages of all types, thus allowing Doc to become inebriated on multiple occasions. Despite being drunk, Doc performed his duties in an exemplary manner.

David S. Oaks '56

(1228 Watauga St., Kingsport, TN 37660; dandb02@earthlink.net)
Retired from Eastman Chemical Co. Living in Kingsport, Tenn. One married son living in Wilmington, N.C. Active in the Kingsport Convention & Visitors Bureau, Kiwanis, The Netherland Inn, the Daniel Boone Wilderness Trail Association and others. We have Convivium every year for the Kingsport, Bristol (Tenn./Va.) and Johnson City region. Also, I think Ed McDaniel '57 lives in Athens, Ga.

Alfred N. Bell '60

(P.O. Box 1089, Roebuck, SC 29376-1089; abell@eastman.com) My son Griffin Bell pledged KA at Wake Forest University several years ago. He is now in his second year of law school at the University of South Carolina and plans to practice law here in Greenville, S.C. He and his wife, Nicole, are expecting a daughter. I have two daughters in

Charlotte, both married. My oldest daughter, Libby, has a son, Davis, two years old, and is expecting again in April. My other daughter, Mary Caroline, is expecting in June 2003. That will give me four grandchildren. Mary Caroline's husband, Harper Lee, is also a KA, Wake Forest University. Kappa Alpha is in our blood.

Philip C. Jones '61

(P.O. Box 8074, South Brunswick, NC 28470; philipjones@oceanridge .com) Sales consultant for Ocean Ridge Plantation, a golf course community near Myrtle Beach.

William B. Heeney '62

(505 Fenton Pl., Charlotte, NC 28207-1919; bheeney@crm1978 .com) Still warm and above ground!

James H. Hobgood '75

(12 Saddlebrook Dr., Rome, GA 30161-7241; jimhobgood@aol.com) I have been publisher of the "Calhoun Times" since 1998. My wife, Lou Ella, and I have two teenage daughters and will celebrate our 25th anniversary this year. I have stayed in touch with a few legendary brothers over the years, including

Carter Bates '76 of Macon and Monte Horne '75 of Cordele.
Gamma brothers Jim Mathews '74 and Dr. Ted Pennel '78 of Calhoun are members of the Calhoun Rotary Club with me. A Northwest Georgia KA Alumni Chapter was formed last year in Rome to celebrate Convivium each year.

Glenn A. Young '75

(240 Eden Bridge Pl., Alpharetta, GA 30022-8089; gyoung 1956 @hotmail.com) Greetings! I have achieved 24 years with GE, the majority of that tenure in medical systems. I currently supervise 11 managers in the eastern U.S. who are responsible for approximately 50 corporate customers' relationships and the portfolio of agreements we have in place. I have been married for 22 years to my lovely wife, Jan. We have a son, Everett, 11. We also have two dogs who are part of the family. We have lived in Alpharetta, Ga., for five years now, after living in Tallahassee, Fla., for nine years. This past year, we were fortunate to go to Beaver Creek, Colo., Cabo San Lucas and Kauai, and we are getting ready to revisit Beaver Creek for a ski vacation in March. I stay in touch

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Tell us a little about your job.

I am a partner in a law firm, Warshuaer Woodruff & Thomas, in Atlanta, Ga. We represent catastrophically injured people.

What affiliations do you currently have and/or public service do you participate in?

I am involved in the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, the American Trial Lawyers Association and the Academy of Rail Labor Attorneys. Additionally, I am involved in several charitable organizations including Leader's Legacy Inc., a nonprofit organization founded to help businesses and individuals learn about leadership development skills.

What hobbies do you enjoy?

Georgia Bulldogs and talking about the Bulldogs! I also enjoy fishing, hunting and bicycling.

What are your goals for the next few years?

Professionally, I hope to see my law firm grow and continue to serve my clients well. Personally, I hope to be able to spend a substantial amount of time with my wife and kids. Hopefully, coaching soccer, Little League and football will be in the mix as well.

Brothers may contact Brad by phone at 404-892-4900 or e-mail at bwt@wwtlawyers.com.

with Harry Fitzgerald '73 (big brother) and Bob Kenerly '75. I am fortunate to occasionally run into or see at UGA football games we sometimes attend: Tommy Jackson '75, Brian Saunders, James Stanley '75, Hank Watson '77, Julian Brown '78, Doc Eldridge '72, Bill '76 and Howard Young '79, David Hargrove '73 and others. It is always great to visit with old friends.

William P. Aiken '79

(P.O. Box 468, Buford, GA 30518; pmaiken@bellsouth.net) Since graduating from Georgia with a BBA in international business, I spent almost eight years living outside the U.S. — two years in Germany, Holland and Belgium from '84 to '86, and six years in Russia from '93 to '99. My profession is commercial real estate brokerage and development. I have two children, ages 13 and 11, and I'm devoted to my family as a loving father and husband. I live in Atlanta and attend the North Point Community Church where together with my wife, I lead a small Bible study group. I am active in the Hall and Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, and I'm currently developing Golden Park, a 100-acre mixed-use commercial development located in northeast metro Atlanta. I'm pleased to be remembered as a KA and have periodically revisited the KA house. Recently, I took my family to homecoming and was impressed to see the house in reasonably good shape, and learned that the parents of the current members are taking an active role in the management of the house.

James M. Riley '81

(4160 McGirts Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32210) It's hard to believe that 23 years ago this fall I walked into the KA house, introduced myself to a group of brothers who were manning the keg, and thus embarked on the most fun four years of my life. I now live in Jacksonville, Fla. Dana and I have four kids — Mary Graham, Hillary, McKee and Margaret Ann. I practice law at Rogers Towers, specializing in antitrust and securities litigation. There isn't a week that goes by when I don't think of my days at UGA and the many friends I made when I was there.

James D. Benefield '82

(816 Hamilton Landing Dr., Saint

Simons Island, GA 31522-1706; bsllp@bellsouth.net) I'm an attorney in my own law firm, and father of four — two of each — including one set of identical twin boys. I work in Brunswick and live on St. Simons.

Patrick R. McNair '82

(2080 Mohican Trail, Maitland, FL 32751; pgrace950@cs.com) Living in Orlando since '96. Terrific family with two girls, ages 13 and 11. Been a tough ride football-wise here in Gator country, but, needless to say, we really enjoyed this year!

H. Benton Doster '83

(1740 H.D. Atha Rd., Monroe, GA 30655: andoster@hotmail.com) I am glad to report that the Monroe line at Gamma will have another blue chipper in about 18 years. My wife, Ann, and I were blessed with Benton Moses Doster on 9/15/01. As of today, he has not missed a Georgia home football game. Coach Richt has already made contact with Benton for an official visit. We recently moved and live in close proximity to two other Gamma families. Rov Roberts '88 and Richard Hester '85. In addition, James Hester '91 works with me at Ben Doster Real Estate. Also, I talk often with John Crawford '85, Charlie Knox '84, Brad Johnson '85, and Mark Simmons '87, and Mark Cross '82 occasionally. I invite all past and current brothers to call or come see us in Monroe real soon! Go, Dawgs. Has anyone seen or spotted Craig Bowles '82 in the last 10 years?

Michael W. Ivey '84

(4682 Dudley Ln. N.W., Atlanta, GA 30327; mikewivey@aol.com) CEO of Capital City Mortgage Corp., and chairman of the board for the Center for Children and Young Adults. Wife, Jennifer, is due to deliver our first child in August 2003.

Alexander L. Cann '85

(1133 Swathmore Dr., Atlanta, GA 30327) My wife, Chris, and I have two children: Alex III and Molly. I've run into brothers William Bowen '86, Brad Thomas '86, David Scott '86, Hal Foshee '84, Roy Fickling '84, Chip Hackett '85, Porter Lummus '84, Brad Johnson '85, Mark Stowers '82 and Mark Loeffler '84.

Jon P. LeDoyen '88

(1518 Vernon North Drive, Dunwoody, GA 30338; jon.ledoyen @ubspw.com) Julia and I had our first child on Nov. 21, 2002. Davis Charles weighed in at 8.1 pounds. Mom, son and dad are doing great.

Stewart A. Hunt '89

(3200-B Maywood Avenue, Austin, TX 78703-1135; stewhunt @aol.com) Still working for Marge Carson Furniture Company out of California.

John C. Neal '89

(639 Old Club Road S., Macon, GA 31210; battplusmacon @mindspring.com) My wife and I have a 14-month-old daughter (Hadley), and we have another on the way in late March.

Wilson O. Brim '90

(5104 Meadowlake Rd., Brentwood, TN 37072; brimw @attglobal.net) I married Kathy Brown Brim. Have son, Will Brim, born on 11/5/99, and newborn son Harris Stansell Brim born 7/28/02, who was 7 pounds 14 1/2 ounces.

Christopher L. Carden '91

(945 Wilde Run Ct., Roswell, GA 30075; ccarden@procuri.com)
I am an account manager for Procuri, a Web-based strategic sourcing service provider based in Atlanta.
Companies like Procter & Gamble and Bank of America use our esourcing tool to procure their goods and services. I moved to Roswell from Jacksonville, Fla., via Cincinnati, Ohio. I have two daughters — a 3-year-old (Mary Larkin) and a 7-month-old (Gracen). My wife, Amy Hightower, was an ADPi at Georgia.

Andy Clifton '93

(2618 Acorn Ave., Atlanta, GA 30305; clifton@sayanlimited.com) After a stint in sports management with commissioner Kramer and the Southeastern Conference in Birmingham, I started a media buying and placement firm in Atlanta with four other partners. We develop media/ad campaigns for advertisers, and I direct all media planning, buying and execution. I married Marina Canup on October 5 at the Cloister of Sea Island.

Stuart R. Sherrill '93

(4324 Club Dr. NE, Atlanta, GA 30319; ssherrill@steelfab-inc.com) I've been married since 1999 to Cameron Fortner of Memphis, Tenn. We have a son named Luke, age 2. I'm currently vice president of SteelFab of Georgia and Alabama.

Colin Stokes '95

(1179 Gail Dr., Atlanta, GA 30319; colin.stokes@morganstanley.com) I am currently working at Morgan Stanley in Atlanta as a financial adviser, and have been since 1999. Last May, I got married to Jackie Reynolds.

David E. Marler '96

(305 E. 55th St., Savannah, GA 31405; davidmarler@comcast.net) Living in Savannah and employed with Pennington Seed, Inc. Married Brittany Raines in June 2001. Life is good; glad to be in touch.

Horace P. Odom '96

(3353 Peachtree Rd. NE, Suite 1120, Atlanta, GA 30326; bodom@ newmarkre.com) I am in Atlanta working for a national commercial real estate firm. Still run into alumni of all ages here in town. For some reason most of my class members aren't getting married, much less even have girlfriends.

Russell B. Bennett '97

(134 Hwy. 78 NW, Monroe, GA 30655-4468; rbennett90 @hotmail.com) Not much news here but some exciting news about Patrick Deal '98. In the last issue, I reported that he had pursued his lifelong dream of becoming a weather newscaster in New York. He has now obtained a job with NBC in Atlanta and is looking forward to the move back to Georgia. Bart Rhodes '97 is engaged to Allison Jackson and is getting married this summer. Hope all is well at the mansion.

We regret to inform you of the death of

Charles I. Bryans '39 Neale J. Huff '47 (10/28/02) Jack L. Romano '57 Paul A. Simon '75

Kappa Alpha Order mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.